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RE: U.S. NATIONAL FILING OF PCT/GB2004/003520
(U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/568,056 MAILED FEBRUARY 13, 2006)
TITLE: OSTOMY/FISTULA BAG
INVENTOR: THOMAS G. EAKIN

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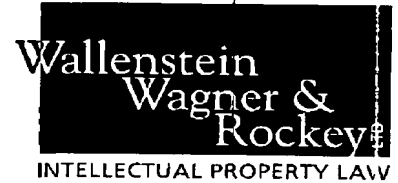
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Re: U.S. National Filing of PCT/GB2004/003520
for "Ostomy/Fistula Bag"
Inventor: Thomas G. Eakin
Our File: 3853 P 004

Dear Examiner Yilmaz:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation earlier today, and your request for written confirmation of the situation at hand, please be advised of the following:

- On February 10, 2006, counsel for the above-identified Applicant submitted a Transmittal Letter Concerning a Filing under 35 U.S.C. 371, including the relevant specification, claims, abstract and drawings. This filing was done without payment of the filing fees. Counsel for Applicant learned on March 1, 2006, that this submission was accorded Application No. 10/568,006.
- On February 13, 2006, counsel for Applicant was concerned about the acceptance of the filing made on February 10 since it was submitted without payment of the filing fees. Thus, on February 13, counsel for Applicant submitted a duplicate set of all the papers originally submitted, together with a check in payment of the filing fees. On March 1, 2006, we learned this submission was accorded Application No. 10/568,056 (the postcard was also returned indicating this Application Number).
- Counsel's initial intention was to allow the first submission ('006) to go abandoned, but was advised by you that it would, in fact, be incorporated into the file of the '056 application.

Counsel wishes to thank the Examiner for her assistance in resolving this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen Rundquist
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Legal Secretary to Roger H. Stein

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